



New Well Driller, Pump and Irrigation Licensing

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A new law passed in 2006 requires well drillers, pump and irrigation contractors, and any individuals working on these systems to get both plumbing and electrical licenses/certification.

What is the new law?

The new law – Substitute Senate Bill 6225 – requires all contractors and individuals doing pump and piping work on domestic water systems and irrigation water systems to get both plumbing and electrical licenses/certification. Under the new law, only properly licensed contractors and individuals may place an electric pump motor in a well or do the associated electrical or plumbing work. The law took effect June 7, 2006.

This new law does not affect Department of Ecology licensing.

What is the license and certification requirement?

A new combined general contractor and electrical contractor specialty license was created so contractors in either the domestic pump or the pump and irrigation systems business may perform this work under a single license, bond and insurance.

For individuals, there is a new combined electrical and plumbing certificate.

Is a test required?

Companies and individuals have a window of opportunity **until Dec. 31, 2006**, to use qualifying experience to get the proper license or certification *without* taking an examination. After that date, contractors and workers must take an examination in order to be licensed or certified.

You may get the forms for certifying without examination online at www.LNI.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Electrical/FormPub or by calling 360-902-5249. Select the one that is right for you.

- F500-102-000 – Application for pump installer, specialty electrician, electrical administrator or plumber certification without examination
- F500-103-000 – Application for pump installer training certificate and prior work credit
- F500-104-000 – Application for pump installer combination general contractor registration and electrical contractor licensing

Need more information?

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